

the Middle East, by a yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas with 1 voting nay, Roll No. 609;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Resolution urging member states of the United Nations to stop supporting resolutions that unfairly castigate Israel and to promote within the United Nations a more balanced and constructive approach to resolving conflict in the Middle East.”

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Honoring the life, legacy, and example of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the tenth anniversary of his death: H. Res. 535, to honor the life, legacy, and example of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the tenth anniversary of his death, by a yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 610;

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Mourning the horrific loss of life caused by the floods and mudslides that occurred in October 2005 in Central America and Mexico and expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should do everything possible to assist the affected people and communities: H. Con. Res. 280, amended, to mourn the horrific loss of life caused by the floods and mudslides that occurred in October 2005 in Central America and Mexico and expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should do everything possible to assist the affected people and communities; and

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Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution that began on October 23, 1956 and reaffirming the friendship between the people and governments of the United States and Hungary: H. Res. 479, amended, to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution that began on October 23, 1956 and reaffirming the friendship between the people and governments of the United States and Hungary, by a yea and nay vote of 395 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 611.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:06 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Electing the Clerk of the House of Representatives: The House agreed to H. Res. 580, that Karen L. Haas of the State of Maryland, be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives. The Speaker then administered the oath of office.

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Notify the Senate of the Election of the Clerk: The House agreed to H. Res. 581, to inform the Senate that Karen L. Haas has been elected as Clerk of the House.

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Notify the President of the Election of the Clerk: The House agreed to H. Res. 582, authorizing the Clerk to inform the President of the United States

that the House of Representatives has elected Karen L. Haas as Clerk of the House of Representatives of the 109th Congress.

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Discharge Petitions: Representative Slaughter moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 460, providing for consideration of H.R. 3764, to establish a National Independent Inquiry Commission on Disaster Preparedness and Response to examine and evaluate the Federal Government’s response to Hurricane Katrina and assess its ability to respond to future large-scale disasters (Discharge Petition No. 4);

Representative Waxman moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 537, providing for the consideration of H.R. 3838, to establish the Independent Commission to Prevent Fraud and Abuse in the Response to Hurricane Katrina (Discharge Petition No. 5); and

Representative Abercrombie moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 543, providing for the consideration of H.J. Res. 55, requiring the President to develop and implement a plan for the withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from Iraq (Discharge Petition No. 6).

Senate Referrals: S. 1042, S. 1043, S. 1044 and S. 1045 were held at the desk. S. 584 was referred to the Committee on Resources.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: 3 yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H11070–71, H11071–72, H11072. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

USDA’S WATERSHED PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research held a hearing to review USDA’s watershed programs. Testimony was heard from Bruce Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

SHOULD ONLY U.S. CITIZENS BE INCLUDED IN APPORTIONING OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federalism and Census held a hearing entitled “Counting the Vote: Should Only U.S. Citizens Be Included in Apportioning Our Elected Representatives?” Testimony was heard from Representative Miller of Michigan; Johnny Killian, Senior Specialist in Constitutional Law, American Law Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3682, To redesignate the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia as the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge; and H.R. 2866, James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Rick Schultz, Chief, Division of Conservation, Planning and Policy, National Wildlife Refuge System, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

UNITED STATES-BAHRAIN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing two hours of debate in the House on H.R. 4340, to implement the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that pursuant to section 151(f)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion. Section 2 of the resolution provides that during consideration of the bill, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker in consonance with section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974. Testimony was heard from Representative Shaw.

HURRICANE KATRINA: VOICES FROM INSIDE THE STORM

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina: Held a hearing entitled "Hurricane Katrina: Voices from Inside the Storm." Testimony was heard from Charles Allen, Vice Mayor, Newport News, Virginia; citizens and evacuees of New Orleans; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1213)

H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Signed on November 19, 2005. (Public Law 109-103)

H.R. 4326, to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to enter into a contract for the nuclear refueling and complex overhaul of the U.S.S. Carl Vinson (CVN-70). Signed on November 19, 2005. (Public Law 109-104)

H.J. Res. 72, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006. Signed on November 19, 2005. (Public Law 109-105)

H.R. 4133, to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the national flood insurance program. Signed on November 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-106)

H.R. 2490, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 West Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the "Mayor Joseph S. Daddona Memorial Post Office". Signed on November 22, 2005. (Public Law 109-107)

H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Signed on November 22, 2005. (Public Law 109-108)

H.R. 3339, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2061 South Park Avenue in Buffalo, New York, as the "James T. Molloy Post Office Building". Signed on November 22, 2005. (Public Law 109-109)

S. 161, to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership. Signed on November 22, 2005. (Public Law 109-110)

S. 1234, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2005, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Signed on November 22, 2005. (Public Law 109-111)

S. 1713, to make amendments to the Iran Non-proliferation Act of 2000 related to International Space Station payments. Signed on November 22, 2005. (Public Law 109-112)

S. 1894, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for the making of foster care maintenance payments to private for-profit agencies. Signed on November 22, 2005. (Public Law 109-113)

H.R. 2528, making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Signed on November 30, 2005. (Public Law 109-114)

H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Signed on November 30, 2005. (Public Law 109-115)

H.R. 4145, to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks and to place